

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to remark filed on 05/22/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4,7,12-14,18,22-29,32 and 36-45, 47-56.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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PATENT EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. **Claims 1-4, 7, 12-14, 18, 22-29, 36-45, 47-56**, are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding **claims 1, 3, 13, 27, 47**, the present application teaches a network device (home agent/foreign agent) which supports Mobile IP protocol, an AAA server which does not support the IP mobile protocol directly, is configured to maintain accounting information for a plurality of mobile supported by a plurality of the network devices (Home Agent/foreign Agent), an accounting request to the AAA server which is supporting AAA protocol in response to a trigger event, updating the accounting information using a counter provided in the accounting request associated with the IP mobile node using the counter, the Mobile IP protocol does not support AAA server protocol directly, instruction comprising as specifically mentioned on claims 1, 3, 13, 27, 47.

The closest prior art to the present application such as Inoue (US Publication Number 2002/0186688) teaches a mobile IP communication scheme capable of authenticating an individual user who is operating the mobile computer when the mobile computer is connected to a visited site network and transmits a current location registration message to a home agent, the current location of the mobile computer is registered at the home agent when the user is judged as a proper user.

Inoue fails to teach a network device (home agent/foreign agent) which supports Mobile IP protocol, an AAA server configured to maintain accounting information for a plurality of mobile supported by a plurality of the network devices (Home Agent/foreign Agent), the AAA server and the IP mobile protocol do not support each others protocol directly, an accounting request to the AAA server which is supporting AAA protocol in response to a trigger event, updating the accounting information using a counter provided in the accounting request associated with the IP mobile node using the counter, instruction comprising as specifically mentioned on claims 1, 3, 13, 27, 47.

Regarding **claims 37, 39**, the present application teaches a computer-readable medium having thereon computer readable instruction for updating accounting information for a mobile node in a AAA server that does not support Mobile IP during a session, the AAA server protocol is configured to maintain accounting information for a plurality of mobiles nodes, the accounting information being received form a plurality of network devices, each of the plurality of network devices being a Home Agent or Foreign Agent supporting Mobile IP protocol and the AAA protocol, instruction comprising as specifically mentioned on claims 37, 39.

The closest record of prior the present application such as Inoue (US Publication Number 2002/0186688) teaches a mobile IP communication scheme capable of authenticating an individual user who is operating the mobile computer when the mobile computer is connected to a visited site network and transmits a current location

registration message to the home agent, the current location of the mobile computer is registered at the home agent when the user is judged as a proper user.

Inoue fails to teach a computer-readable medium having thereon computer readable instruction for updating accounting information for a mobile node in a AAA server that does not support Mobile IP during a session, the AAA server protocol is configured to maintain accounting information for a plurality of mobiles nodes, the accounting information being received form a plurality of network devices, each of the plurality of network devices being a Home Agent or Foreign Agent supporting Mobile IP protocol and the AAA protocol, instruction comprising as specifically mentioned on claims 37, 39.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Naghmeh Mehrpour whose telephone number is 571-272-7913. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha Banks-Harold be reached (703) 305-4379.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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